

Chapter 19.275***Bus Terminals*****19.275.010 Purpose**

The purpose of regulating bus terminals is to safeguard the health, safety and general welfare of those who use the bus terminals, and to ensure compatibility with surrounding uses and properties and to avoid any impacts associated with such uses.

19.275.020 Applicability and Permit Requirements

Bus terminals, as defined in Article X (Definitions), are permitted as set forth in Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions subject to the requirements contained in this Chapter.

19.275.030 Site Location, Operation and Development Standards

The standards set forth in Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions, shall apply to bus terminals unless otherwise specified here.

A. Site Location Standards

Any bus terminal shall only be established, located, or operated where permitted pursuant to Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions, and only when within the ascribed distances of the certain specified land uses or zones set forth here. These distances shall be measured from the closest property line of the bus terminal to the nearest property line of the use of concern.

1. The bus terminal business shall not be located within 600 feet of any hospital, school (pre-school through grade twelve), assemblies of people – non-entertainment, or park.
2. The bus terminal shall not be located within 100 feet of any residential dwelling unit or any residential zone.
3. The bus terminal site shall not be within 100 feet of any assisted living facility, motel, hotel, and similar sensitive use where disturbances are likely to be caused by traffic, parking, noise, and/or lighting.

B. Operation and Development Standards

1. All operations, except passenger/cargo loading and unloading, shall be conducted inside the bus terminal building. However, automated ticketing facilities and passenger waiting areas may be permitted outdoors.

2. No vehicles shall be parked on the premises other than those of persons attending to business on the site, vehicles in service for customers, vehicles of employees, and other service vehicles used in the operation of the bus terminal.
3. Maintenance or fueling operations are prohibited at a bus terminal site.
4. Direct access to bus terminals shall be from at least one and preferably two 4-lane arterial street. Bus terminal sites shall not have direct access from local or residential streets.
5. Setbacks for terminal buildings shall conform to the requirements of the underlying zone. Setbacks along arterial streets may be required to be increased through the discretionary permit process.
6. Parking, temporary bus waiting areas and passenger waiting and loading areas shall be set back at least 20 feet from all property lines.
7. The bus terminal site shall have a designated passenger waiting area that may either be indoors or outdoors. At least 50 percent of any designated outdoor waiting area shall include shade structures or other method of cover.
8. A minimum 6-foot-high masonry wall shall be erected and maintained along all common interior side and rear property lines; provided, however, that such wall shall be only 3 feet high from the setback line of the adjoining property to the front property line.
9. At a minimum, parking areas shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 19.580; however, additional parking may be required as a condition of discretionary permit approval based on a case-by-case basis related to property specific considerations.

19.275.040 Security Regulations

A security plan shall be submitted for review and approval as a part of the discretionary permit application demonstrating and committing to the provision of adequate on-site security, including but not limited to security cameras, lighting, and security personnel.

19.275.050 Additional Findings to Approve a Discretionary Permit

In addition to any findings required to be made in the granting of the applicable discretionary permit, the following findings are required to be made by the Approving or Appeal Authority in order to approve a discretionary permit for a bus terminal:

- A. That the bus terminal will not substantially increase vehicular traffic on streets in a residential zone.
- B. That the bus terminal will not substantially lessen the usability of adjacent or nearby commercially-zoned property for commercial use by interfering with pedestrian traffic.

- C. That the bus terminal will not create increased traffic hazards to pedestrians.
- D. That the bus terminal site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate said use, and to accommodate all carrier lines, walls, parking, landscaping and other required improvements.